

CURSILLO!

Seminary to Be Site of Meetings

By ALEX McDONALD

Members of the Cursillo Movement in the diocese were excited this week by announcements that St. Bernard's Seminary has offered use of class rooms for weekly reunions and a leaders-training school to prepare for the year's programs.

Six cursillo weekends are scheduled for 1971 starting with a men's session on March 19-20-21 and a women's on April 16-17-18.

Men in the Elmira area may sign up for a cursillo there on the weekend of May 21-22-23. Later cursillos will be in Rochester Aug. 27-28-29 (men) Oct. 15-16-17 (men) and Nov. 19-20-21 (women).

A cursillo is a full three-day "course in Christianity" where 25 to 40 people become a Christian community to share "a learning and inspirational ex-

perience". Complementary to the retreat movement, its atmosphere is different.

During a cursillo there are 15 talks by laymen and priests, group and formal prayer, much singing and small group discussion. Three general areas of life are emphasized: piety — relations to God; study — learning experiences; action — how actually to live out the Christian faith.

Originating in Spain more than a decade before the Vatican Council, the Cursillos in Christianity Movement came to the U.S. among Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest in 1957.

Rochesterians who had made cursillos in other dioceses began to meet in 1967 and promoted the first Rochester men's cursillo that November. Eight men's and four women's cursillos have been held in the past three years.

St. Bernard's will be the setting for Friday reunions from 8 to 9 p.m. (called an ultreya) of all the cursillo groups who have made the three-day courses. A cursillo can be made only once in a lifetime but the weekly gatherings, when cursillistas can attend, keep their enthusiasm alive for what the movement calls "the fourth day — the rest of life."

The leaders' program open to all who have made a cursillo is held at St. Bernard's every Friday night from 9:15 to 11:15. Emphasis will be on "growth as members of the Christian community, with doctrinal talks and group prayer."

Explaining the tie-in with the seminary, Anthony Marini, lay coordinator of the diocesan movement, said that space, atmosphere, use of the chapel and a desire to interest the seminarians in the movement had prompted the move of the weekly ultreyas from St. Ambrose parish school.

A monthly celebration of the Eucharist which all cursillistas are urged to attend as an additional means of reunion and fellowship in worship is held on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles Church.

Harry Griswold, chairman of the planning committee for the six weekends scheduled for this year, discussing the spirit his teams strive for, said that "in a retreat it is 'You and God,' while in a cursillo it's 'We and God.'"

"A cursillo group lives very simply, sleeping on cots, eating plain but good food, meeting and getting to know and like a number of fine people. You participate in the daily celebration of Mass in a more intimate way than you have ever done before. You take part in discussions that are a combination of dead seriousness and wild hilarity. You are inspired by what you hear and see and are humbled to find that many others care for you."

For further information inquiries may be sent to Rochester Cursillo Center, P.O. Box 9568, Rochester, 14604.

Many Innovations Planned for Lent

Bishop Hogan's pastoral call for a Lenten observance to produce a "radical change in our way of thinking and acting" found reflection today in parish liturgies where the blessing and distribution of ashes was given a new meaning.

(Read the full text of the Bishop's Lenten Pastoral, beginning on Page 1.)

Many parishes were planning an evening Bible service of repentance in conjunction with the ceremony of ashes. Others were having celebration of the Eucharist with a homily on "conversion and reconciliation" after the ashes were distributed.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission issued a booklet of suggestions for parish liturgy groups and clergy seeking a total Lenten program centered on the theme of reconciliation. Each week's liturgy for Sunday and Wednesday, the commission said, might center on reconciliation with the poor, with elements in the Church, within families and nations.

Next Wednesday many parishes will hold a "sharing supper" in conjunction with the evening liturgy of the Eucharist.

A simple meal of soup and bread will be served in the parish halls and families attending will be asked to pay the equivalent of what their usual supper at home would cost. Profits would be spent for the poor of the parish or diocese.

Bishop Hogan's pastoral letter called for the seeking of "costly grace", "forcing us to reconstruct our values, to remake our hearts." He said "We are quite oblivious to the self-centeredness, the self-seeking, the selfishness that is at the root of our sinful actions."

He urged diocesan to arrange daily attendance at Mass during Lent "as an opportunity to open our hearts to the divine power that alone can make true conversion possible."



MRS. DURKIN

Cancer Crusade

Mrs. Glen C. Durkin, an active volunteer for American Cancer Society, Monroe County Unit, has accepted the position of residential chairman for the 1971 Cancer Crusade.

Mrs. Durkin of Irondequoit will direct both the city and suburban house-to-house phases of the annual Monroe County Cancer Crusade. Town chairmen, assigned to their respective communities, will assist Mrs. Durkin in organizing solicitations throughout Monroe County, covering twenty-six suburban areas. The residential campaign in Monroe County, scheduled April 1 through 4, will spearhead the annual observance of Cancer Control Month.

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Diocesan Appointments



Father Thomas F. Corbett, to assistant pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario, from St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester.

Father Michael Constanza, to assistant pastor of St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester, from Italy.

Newhall Resigns

Beaumont Newhall, author, historian of photography and museum director, announced his resignation as director of Rochester's George Eastman House last week.

Newhall's resignation is effective July 1. In the fall he

will assume the role of visiting professor of art at the University of New Mexico.

At the same time, it was announced that Van Deren Cook, Newhall's deputy director since July 1970, will assume the directorship of the Eastman House.

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